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Division of Social Science
University of Minnesota
Morris, MN

**Division Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018, 5:15 p.m.**

Faculty in Attendance: Oscar Baldelomar, Joseph Beaver, Cyrus Bina, Sheri Breen, Dave Brown, Steve Burks, Rebecca Dean, Jennifer Deane, Satis Devkota, Deb Economou, Farah Gilanshah, Steve Gross, Marissa Holst, Elliot James, Seung-Ho Joo, Arne Kildegaard (Chair), Tim Lindberg, Evan Loehle-Conger, Clement Loo, Kerry Michael, Ben Narvaez, Nina Ortiz, Bibhudutta Panda, Heather Peters, Jennifer Rothchild, Roger Rose, Dennis Stewart, Kevin Whalen, Lauri Wyum

Faculty Not in Attendance: Emily Bruce, Solomon Gashaw, Jacob Jurss, Leslie Meek, Cheryl Stewart

Student Representatives in Attendance: Noah Pilugin, Michael Cagle, Ruby DeBellis

Student Representatives Not in Attendance: Olivia Anderson, Ellen Hoke

Faculty on Leave: Ed Brands (sabbatical), Bart Finzel (administrative leave), Roland Guyotte (spring leave), Tom Johnson (spring leave)

1. Old Business: Approve meeting minutes

The minutes from the November 8, 2018 Division Meeting were unanimously approved with the following change to be made: The spelling of Steve Burks last name needs to be correct (under Item A), the “s” needed to added. Motion by Rebecca Dean, seconded by Sheri Breen.

2. Guest Bridget Karels, Wellness Promotion Coordinator

Bridget Karels visited to provide us information about Green Dot Bystander Training. The Green Dot Strategy is a comprehensive approach to violence prevention that capsulizes the power of peer and cultural influences. By educating and raising awareness, an intolerance of violence should ultimately reduce violence. The upcoming training will go beyond the overview training students received during Orientation. Our faculty were asked to nominate students, staff, or fellow faculty members who display the desired characteristics for the Bystander Intervention Certificate Training.

3. Heather Peters and Bibhu Panda – Master Advisers Program

With Annual Planning (March 19 – April 6) and Registration (April 9-12) right around the corner, as Master Advisers, Heather and Bibhu wanted to offer their Division Colleagues some resources they might find helpful in the weeks to come. Using a Power Point Presentation, their advice and tips, included:

- Advise your advisees that summer courses are not always “easy credits”.
- The Advising Office webpage has many resources for both students and advisers.
- Faculty should look at the major/minor planning tips for their discipline and email Brenda with any changes.
- Encourage students to use Schedule Builder. You can search for courses by GER or subject. Students can bring the “built schedules” to you for your review. Schedules can be

sent to the student's shopping cart/registration system. Steve Burks and Jennifer Deane have students fill their shopping cart with classes before advising meetings, then you can use your time together to discuss career goals and long-term planning, instead of picking courses.

- For students thinking about adding or changing majors, you can generate a "What if" APAS report to show how completed course work will apply to a new major.
- APLUS is a web based application that advisors can use to monitor student progress. APLUS now includes the Morris academic alert. Instructors and advisers submit course concerns through APLUS (rather than submitting concerns through a separate system. Any instructor can add a concern regarding attendance. Students do not see the other comment/concerns, and will get an automatic e-mail for any academic concerns submitted. Someone else will get in touch with student for any behavioral concerns. If you teach an Introductory level course you must report students not coming to classes. If you don't have an attendance policy, look at their assignments, and use your best judgement with the number of classes they have missed.
- For Incompletes, student must be earning a passing grade to receive an Incomplete. I grades revert to an F grade after one year (on the date of the final exam). Faculty need to complete written agreements with the student, and file the form with the Office of the Registrar. .
- S/N (pass/fail) grades are not accepted in the major unless offered S/N only. Students and advisors are notified if there is an issue, but watch student's profiles after registration to make sure they're not taking a course for their major for a S/N grade.
- Beginning just this academic year, the Registrar's Office can check if students have or have not met the course prerequisites. Registrar Office staff (Jeri) will contact faculty about students not meeting requirements, and the faculty can decide whether or not to enforce the prereqs. The software does not recognize prereqs transferred in, or AP courses, causing some initial issues.
- Steve Burks motions for the division to recognize that they are frustrated with this software. Bina seconded. Arne Kildegaard did not call for a vote, but asked Steve Burks to put something in writing, and it can be discussed again at a future meeting.

4. **Roger Rose:**

Roger and Amy Mondloch distributed Center for Small Towns Surveys of Faculty Participation in Public Engagement Work. Roger then provided us with the type of work the others in his area does.

- Office of Sustainability: Troy Goodnough works with community partners on sustainability related projects (Morris Model). The Office of Sustainability has 15 to 20 student interns--including international students. Part of wider university grand challenge theme.
- Office of Community Engagement: Sarah Eckel and Argie Manolis provide short term volunteer engagement for short-term needs (e.g., MLK day, community meals), academic and community engagement courses, work with the Latino community with ESL, TREC tutoring, push student faculty and member to participate in community. Focused on short term experiences.
- CST: Roger Rose and Amy Mondloch match students with community experiences around the state, long-term internship and career experiences, work with faculty and more and more. Currently accepting community proposals for summer projects. Working with Bremer Foundation grants--will know by May if there is a grant, and Roger will reach out to faculty.
- Roger announced two speakers for April 17: 1) Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer, will speak at 6:00 p.m. She will discuss the changing demographic patterns amount youth and young adults in greater Minnesota. Then at 7:30, Mark Neuzil,

Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Liberal Arts, will give a talk titled, “The Big Gulp: A Fresh, Wholesome and Lowfat Talk on Portion Size, Labels, and Communication about Food.”

5. Steve Burks: Changes in Instructional & Media Technologies

- At the Community Forum on February 21, Chancellor Behr announced the closing of the Instructional and Media Technologies department. Behr announced this as part of a massive budget problem--traceable to fall in enrollment. One IMT staff member will be laid off, and the others are being shifted to different offices on campus, none of these departments reporting to the Academic Dean. Although Dean Ericksen successfully protected all academic teaching positions from the cuts, the academic job duties of the IMT staff are a concern.
- Other changes are Don's position gone. Mark Zaske left, and Don moved to his position. and will not no supervise IMT (discontinued department) or Rearrangements elsewhere--consequences. IMT moved from Dean's supervision to Brian Herman and Sandy Olson Loy. Bryan Herrmann, C of Finance and Facilities and Sandy Olson-Loy and Dave Swenson). VP of Student affairs through Dave Swenson for classroom support. Mark Zaske was half events and student, so they're going to coordinate about classroom support. Ramsay Bohm is now IT. Mike Seahawk and Gary Ludwitzke are now with communications and marketing, because they do publicity work. Mark and Dave is not good. Ramsay and Mark had a divider and could say, “I have this,” but Mark and Dave two are now on other sides of campus and have different bosses. Any problems, go to Arne.
- Are the needs we have for scholarly and research media support, and classroom support continue to work how they are, get better, or worse? We want to make sure our academic support needs are met. With issues go to Arne. Still call helpdesk. Will line of communication be as quick? Barbara Burke says short run will be okay, due to updating finished and warranty for a few years, but long-term who knows.
- It's money savings in that Don's position was removed. For efficiency purposes, we'll have to see. They are all continuing what they are doing, just under different descriptions, areas, and bosses.

6. Division Announcements and Updates

- DVPLA - Next year the distinguished visiting professor is a social scientist. Allan Kellehear is a sociologist from the University of Bradford. Teaching Perspectives on Death and Dying. Take advantage and push students to take this class.
- Diversity Pre-Doc - Kaila Akina from U of M TC hired in anthropology.
- NSANTI Post-Doc - There's an offer out to physicist, but he probably will not accept. The next two candidates are from social science.
- Budget/personnel cuts - Sharon will be 50% Social Science and 50% education.
- MSAF for 2018-19 - Nominate students for this position. Preferably second year. Email Arne or Terri.
- Horace T. Morse Distinguished Teaching Faculty Award - Congratulations to Sheri Breen.

7. New business

- Jennifer Rothchild encourages everyone to attend the Chancellor's planning session. If you can't make it, but have thoughts you want to share, contact Jennifer. There are also comment boxes around campus (there's one on the desk in the social science division office).
- Michelle Page will speak in the next GWSS Works in Progress Thursday (3/22//18) at 4:00pm in Imholte 109.

- Mark calendars for mid-April. Jennifer Rothchild received a FREF grant and is bringing a photojournalist documentarian, a colleague, and a domestic worker to campus. They are presenting their documentary on domestic workers on April 12th, and related events will be 3 days. Contact Jennifer if you have classes you want them to come talk with.

8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:15.

9. Full Professors convene P&T meeting (IH 217)